

RECEIVED
JUL -3 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

PATENT APPLICATION
FILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.312
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2834

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

ATTN: OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS

Pascal GAUTHIER

Notice of Allowance Mailed
05/30/2003 - Batch/Confirmation No. 8745

Application No.: 10/075,450

Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: February 15, 2002

Examiner: T. Lam

Docket No.: 111978

For: A DRIVE ELEMENT SUCH AS A DRIVING WHEEL OR A HOISTING WINCH,
THE ELEMENT COMPRISING A SYNCHRONOUS MOTOR

COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowability of May 30, 2003, please consider the following comments:

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicates that independent claims 1, 16 and 31 recite similar features and that the prior art of record fail to disclose a combination of those features. Unfortunately, the features that the Office Action indicates are allegedly contained in all three independent claims are not all contained in each claim. For example, claim 1 recites all features set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability, claims 16 and 31 do not recite that the permanent magnet rotor comprises pole pieces and magnets disposed radially between the pole pieces. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16 and 31, and

the claims that depend from those claims, are patentable despite the fact that they do not recite that the permanent magnet rotor comprises pole pieces and magnets disposed radially between the pole pieces.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are patentable for the reasons stated of record.

Respectfully submitted,



William P. Berridge
Registration No. 30,024

Robert J. Webster
Registration No. 46,472

WPB:RJW/sxb

Date: July 3, 2003

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461
--

RECEIVED
JUL -3 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800